

## City of Galveston

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## Isle neighborhoods to host annual National Night Out on Oct. 3

This national event promotes neighborhood camaraderie by bringing neighbors together to effectively identify and fight crime while building relationships with one another and the Galveston Police Department.

**GALVESTON, TX – September 13, 2023 –** Isle neighborhoods for a night in October will host block parties and community cookouts to bring residents together with local law enforcement and first responders.

Galveston will be joining communities across the country as they celebrate National Night Out – an annual community-police relationship building and awareness campaign. The event is organized locally by the Galveston Police Department and will be held in neighborhoods across Galveston on the night of Tuesday, Oct. 3.

"Community engagement is an essential part of our work at the Galveston Police Department," said Police Chief Doug Balli. "We are continually working to strengthen our relationship with residents."

National Night Out promotes partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live and work. The event also helps with crime prevention, by generating support for anti-crime initiatives, and by strengthening neighborhood spirit and relationships between communities and the Galveston Police Department.

Galveston firefighters also participate in the events to meet the community first responders serve.

Depending on how the neighborhood decides to celebrate, festivities may include potlucks, cookouts or family-friendly demonstrations by first responders and local law enforcement. To find out what's happening in your neighborhood, please call 409-765-3785 or email <a href="mailto:nationalnightout@galvestontx.gov">nationalnightout@galvestontx.gov</a>.

If you're interested in becoming a block captain and hosting an event in your neighborhood, you can register <a href="https://www.galvestontx.gov/767/National-Night-Out">https://www.galvestontx.gov/767/National-Night-Out</a>, or by calling 409-765-3785 or 409-526-9750. One can also register by emailing national nightout@galvestontx.gov.



The city looks forward to seeing residents at one of the many events across the island on October 3.

"This annual event is something I look forward to as we strive to make Galveston a safe and prosperous city," Balli said.